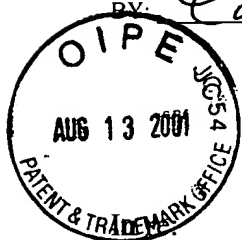


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Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including August 14, 2001, for responding to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2001 (Paper No. 17). A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Petition.

The extension fee of \$445.00 is being paid by our firm's check, which is enclosed herewith.

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